

Remarks

New claims 32-36 have been added and particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. New claims 32-36 include all of the limitations of the objected claims 17-19 and 29-30, their respective base claims and any intervening claims, which have been respectively found by the Examiner to be allowable subject matter. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-31 have been cancelled, without prejudice. The cancellation of these claims is not intended to concede the applicability of the Examiner's rejections as to the cancelled claims, but is made to permit the allowable subject matter to proceed to allowance.

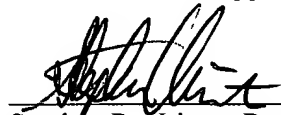
No Additional Fees Required

No additional claim fee is necessary since the total number of claims still pending is less than the total number of claims paid for previously.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

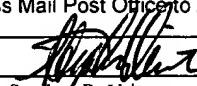
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